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Letter dated 3 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On 9 November 1998, following the conclusion of the debate on agenda item 31, culture of peace, in the Plenary, the Acting President of the General Assembly mandated Bangladesh to coordinate consultations relating to the draft declaration and programme of action on a culture of peace, submitted by the Secretary-General in document A/53/370, for adoption by the General Assembly. The process of consultations commenced on 2 December 1998 followed by stretches of informal consultations over a period of nine months, concluding on 2 September 1999. The long-drawn informal consultations have finally resulted in an agreed text of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, ready for adoption by consensus by the General Assembly.

I have the pleasure to submit the agreed text of the document for adoption by consensus during the fifty-third session of the General Assembly.[1] I take this opportunity to convey to all delegations my appreciation for their substantive contribution and cooperation in arriving at an agreed text on this important document.

I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 31.

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[1] For the text of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace, see draft resolution A/53/L.79.

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